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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2003, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-75.

Please amend the claims as follows.

76. (Amended) A composition comprising a solid support coupled to a chemical group comprising a cleavable functional group, a tag and a reactive group covalently linked to a sample molecule, wherein said cleavable functional group is

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